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**Thurs., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** - We went wolf hunting today. Lew, Jake, and myself. Seen 5 wolves but did not get any. Wind South. Thawing. Snow melting. Got \_\_\_\_ toward evening.

**Fri., 1-2** - Wind South. Snow gone. Foggy, drizzling. Little or no work done today. I plastered up the chimney a little. Intended going to \_\_\_\_ but the bad state of the weather \_\_\_\_ us from going. Lew about sick. Done no work. Aleck D. was here for dinner.

**Sat., 1-3** - Wind South, slight thawing. Foggy, drizzling. I filled in some stone between the joists. \_\_\_\_ this morning. Up to this time Lew has worked 7 ½ days. Jake quit work today.

**Sun., 1-4** - I went to S. S. as usual. Very muddy. Still, there was quite a number there. But Mr. Par \_\_\_\_ was the only teacher present. I would to God that our teachers would more \_\_\_\_ realize the great responsibility that is resting on them.

**Mon. 1-5** - Foggy and damp, and very muddy. I filled in stone between the joists. \_\_\_\_

**Tues., 1-6** - Same kind of weather and I done the same kind of work as yesterday. \_\_\_\_

**Wed., 1-7** - I finished filling in today. Foggy and damp. Lew and I went to church at Auburn this evening. Bro. Campbell preached. Lew worked \_\_\_\_

**Thurs., 1-8** - I hauled in some corn that Strohm and Jake had been husking [illegible; bottom of line cut off].

**Fri., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - I hauled in some corn. Clear but wind from the North. The fog has lasted just one week. Lew and I went to church tonight. Bro. Reeder preached. \_\_\_\_ day for Lew.

**Sat., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Cloudy, clear, and cloudy. Wind South and blowing hard. I hauled in corn. \_\_\_\_\_. Up to this evening I have hauled 7 loads of corn, 25 baskets to a load. 4 baskets making three bushels of corn.

**Sun., 1-11** - I went to Wakarusa Station today to see Barker & Counts in regard to a S.S. institute to be held at Auburn, Friday, Jan. 30, 1880. S.H. Moore, Counts, Barker, & myself took dinner at Will Hibbard's. The children went to P.C. for S.S.

**Mon., 1-12** - I hauled in corn. Lew worked on the house. Went to church in the evening (Auburn).

**Tues., 1-13** - I hauled in corn. Went to Auburn to teach masonry to some who wished to learn.

**Wed., 1-14** - finished hauling in the corn today. Went to church in the evening. Lew worked today.

**Thurs., 1-15** - I helped Lew to put up the cornices [?] \_\_\_\_ donkey [?]. Went to church in the evening.

**Fri., 1-16** - I hauled up some wood today. and \_\_\_ some apple trees the rabbits were working at. Lew worked on the house.

**Sat., 1-17** - Lew and I went to Topeka today. We got home about midnight. The weather this last week has been first rate. Spring weather. [bottom of line cut off]

**Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** - We went to P.C. as usual. Had Sunday school. Weather warm. Went to church.

**Mon., 1-19** - A beautiful day. I helped Lew on the house. Mother and Frankie was over today. Went to church.

**Tues., 1-20** - I killed the hogs today, 4 head. Jake helped to butcher. Lewis Mead worked on the house. Went to church.

**Wed., 1-21** - I butchered a beef this morning. Jake helped me all day. Lew worked on the house. Went to church.

**Thurs., 1-22** - Lew and I went wolf hunting today. A \_\_\_ sing hunt but we did get a \_\_\_\_\_. Went to church.

**Fri., 1-23** - I salted down the beef this morning. \_\_\_ and Mr. McGoffin was over today \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sat., 1-24** - I helped Lew shingle today. The weather the past week has been splendid. The wind has been changing, North to South.

**Sun., 1-25** - We went to S.S. this morning to P.C.: Leck, May, Ed, Lloyd, Lewis, and Lew Mead. In the evening we all went to church at P.C.

**Mon., 1-26** - I gathered a load of corn this forenoon and hauled wood in the afternoon.

**Tues., 1-27** - Attended to the chores and that was about all. I went to town in the evening to □ Lew Mead.

**Wed., 1-28** - I took a load of wheat to Burlingame today. Wind N. I had 24 ½ bushels of wheat. I got 95 cts. per bu. Went to P.C. in the evening to a temperance meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

**Thurs., 1-29** - Rainy and freezing this morning. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ least the greater part of the day. [illegible line]

**Fri., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Rained till late at night but clear this morning. I went to Auburn to attend a S.S. institute. Came home for supper, and to do the feeding, and went back in the evening. Lew away today.

**Sat., 1-31** - Clear and nice today. Nothing done but feeding. Apple tree man here today \_\_\_\_\_. Saw nothing of Lew today.

**Sun., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** - We went to S.S. today as usual. Leck, May, Ed, and Lloyd.

**Mon., 2-2** - I done the chores and hauled a load of rails. Lew worked on the house.

**Tues. 2-3** - Jake and I broke down the stalks on the wheat in the forenoon. In the afternoon he hauled rails and I cleaned out the \_\_\_ of the new house. Quite cool Lew worked.

**Wed., 2-4** - Jake and I broke stalks till noon. In the afternoon Jake hauled rails. Lew worked till noon. In the afternoon Lew and I went down the creek. I got two turkeys at Dr. Wood's.

**Thurs., 2-5** - I took a load of wheat to Burlingame, 31 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> bushels, \$1.00 a bushel. I brought back a load of hard pine flooring. Lew worked on the house.

**Fri., 2-6** - I worked on a fence around the stacks so I could get the cattle to \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Lew worked on the house.

**Sat., 2-7** - I worked on the corrals. Lew worked on the house.

**Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** - We went to P.C. for S.S. Had a fair attendance. In the evening we all went to church. Bro. Campbell.

**Mon, 2-9** - I worked on the corral, hauling rails and building fence. Lew worked on the house.

**Tues., 2-10** - I helped Lew on the house today, laying floors. Ed went with Leck and May to school today, first time.

**Wed., 2-11** - I worked on the corral today. Lew working on the house.

**Thurs., 2-12** - I finished the corral today and turned in the cattle to the straw. Lew worked on the house part of the day. I was fixing up the lower corral and doing other chores. Lew worked on the fence. Went to town this evening to hold a B.B. exercise at the M.E.C. They had no B.B. failure.

**Fri., 2-13** - I was fixing up the lower corral and doing other chores. Lew worked on the fence.

**Sat., 2-14** - I took a load of wheat to Burlingame today. 37 bu, \$1.00 bu. I brought back a load of lumber. Lew worked on the house. I have sold 24, 31, 37 bushels of wheat out of the large bin, 92 bushels in all.

**Sun., 2-15** - We all went to P.C. to S.S. All means the ones that go sometimes.

**Mon., 2-16** - \_\_\_\_\_ South wind blowing all day. I helped Lew put up some ceiling today. Mother D. ha \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tues., 2-17** - I was not very well today. Had one eye closed. A cow struck me just above the eye with her horn. Also a chill in the evening. Lew worked on the house.

**Wed., 2-18** - Lew and I went to Topeka today for load of sand. Quite cool. Wind N.W.

**Thurs, 2-19** - Done the chores [?] Lew at \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_.

**Fri., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** - I went to S. S. institute at the Lynn Creek M.E. church. Lew at work.

**Sat., 2-21** - Lew and I went to Topeka after a load of sand. Pleasant day.

**Sun., 2-22** - I went to the Pleasant Valley S.S. today. Took dinner at Farnsworths.

**Mon., 2-23** - Lew and I went to Topeka today after sand. A beautiful day.

**Tues., 2-24** - Done the chores. Rained in the evening. Quite a hard shower. Lew at work.

**Wed., 2-25** - I fixed up the water gaps and put in some gates. Warm. Elder bushes in leaf. Lew worked on the partition, west room.

**Thurs., 2-26** - I worked on the dining room today, pointing it up ready for wainscoting. Warm as summer. Lew at work.

**Fri., 2-27** - Worked on the pointing up in the dining room and plastering where the cupboard is to be built. Lew at work. Pleasant. Very warm at noon.

**Sat., 2-28** - Cold 4° above 0. Sharp wind from the N. W. A little fine snow blowing. Lew worked till noon. Made me an axe handle in the afternoon. I done up the feeding, &c.

**Sun., 2-29** - Went to Sabbath School this morning. Took Leck and May. Quite cold. Elected officers today. Father Gifford supt. in my stead. I have had a school steady for about five years.

**Mon., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** - I went to Burlingame. Took a load of wheat. 35 \_\_\_. Lew went along. He took the train for Emporia, going to see his sister and brother-in-law. I brought a load of lumber [?] home with me. Geo. Hoskinson went to work for me today.

**Tues., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - I hauled up ~~some~~ wood today. George H. cut wood at the woodpile. Warm and nice. Windy.

**Wed., 3-3** - I took a load of wheat to Burlingame. 32 bu, \$1.00. Brought back a little lumber and a 1,000 [?] lath.

**Thurs., 3-4** - I cut wood in the timber all day. George cut in the forenoon and hauled in the afternoon. Lew came home this evening. Warm.

**Fri., 3-5** - George and I cut wood in the timber all day. Lew at work. Good weather. Teachers meeting at town.

**Sat., 3-6** - Geo. H. and I cut in the timber. Lew at work. Will Gill came up and stayed all night.

**Sun., 3-7** - Cold this morning. Leck, May, and I went to S.S. at Prairie Centre.

**Mon., 3-8** - Went to Burlingame today. Took wheat, 37 bu. Brought lumber back. Geo. H. came back today but did not work. Lew worked.

**Tues., 3-9** - Geo. and I worked at the house hauling dirt from the kitchen till noon. In the afternoon he hauled wood and worked helping Lew.

**Wed., 3-10** - George left this morning. I worked on the house helping Lew. Settled with the Bayliss boys today.

**Thurs., 3-11** - Jake Strohm helped me today in the timber. We made posts. Lew at the house.

**Fri., 3-12** - Cold this morning. Two inches of snow on the ground and still snowing. Done nothing but the chores.

**Sat., 3-13** - Cold. Wind N.W. Snowing \_\_\_\_ at times. Alex Dickson was over today. \_\_\_\_ Mr. Goff and Mr. \_\_\_\_

**Sun., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** - I stayed home all day. I had a chill. First time I have stayed away from S.S. for a long time. Snow on the ground.

**Mon., 3-15** - Lew and I ~~went~~ done very little today. I went to town to get some groceries & quinine. Snowed a little.

**Tues., 3-16** - Lew and I went out rabbit hunting this morning. Caught 9, one of them a jack. Brought the old lady home from town.

**Wed., 3-17** - I made a rail pen this forenoon for hogs. In the afternoon I took 18 to Brown's. They weighed 4,690 lbs. I got \$3.50 cwt. - \$164.15. I remained for the teachers' meeting in the evening.

**Thurs., 3-18** - Jake Strohm helped me today and we made posts, 80. Getting warmer.

**Fri., 3-19** - I got cut 150 stays cut for Dora Gifford. Hauled out feed, &c.

**Sat., 3-20** - I went down to Pleasant Valley today to attend a Sabbath School institute. Lew went to Vanters.

**Sun., 3-21** - I went to P.C. for S.S. May, Leck, and Jims went along. We went to church in the evening.

**Mon., 3-22** - I fixed two water gaps this forenoon. In the afternoon I fed the stock, &c.

**Tues., 3-23** - I went to Topeka today. Stopped in town for □. Brought home about 800 lbs. of flour.

**Wed., 3-24** - Had a good rain today. Nailed up a few lath and made a pen for a couple of calves.

**Thurs., 3-25** - I went this forenoon and looked up a scraper. Found one at John Gifford's. Scraped away in front of the house for a porch in the afternoon.

**Fri., 3-26** - Worked at the dooryard till noon. In the afternoon I ploughed a little. Had a big rain this evening. The children got thoroughly wet coming home from school. Mr. Palmer from Burlingame was here today for dinner.

**Sat., 3-27** - Had a very hard rain and a heavy wind through the night. I fed the stock and made them as comfortable as I could. Heavy thunder and lightning last night. Clear. Sun, but the air filled with dust coming from the N.W., brought by a heavy wind.

**Sun., 3-28** - We went to P.C. to S.S. Alex D. was here for dinner.

**Mon., 3-29** - Clear, but cool and windy. S.E. Light frost. I fixed up the sulky plough and ploughed a little. Jake worked for me today, building fence.

**Tues., 3-30** - I went to Burlingame today with some wheat and brought back a load of lumber. I had 23 bu. Of wheat, \$1. Jake built fence.

**Wed., 3-31** - I ploughed a little today. Went to town in the evening to the prayer and teachers meeting. Jake at the fence.

**Thurs., April 1<sup>st</sup>** - I hitched Dick (mule) into the wagon and drove him to town this forenoon. In the afternoon I put him into the sulky plough. Jake at the fence.

**Fri., 4-2** - I ploughed Dick till noon. In the afternoon I hitched up Nellie (mule) and drove her to the wagon and then to the sulky plough. Jake worked on the potatoes.

**Sat., 4-3** - I ploughed with Nellie till noon. In the afternoon I hauled out feed for the cattle, &c. Jake trimmed up some brush around the creek.

**Sun., April 4** - Went to P.C. to S.S. taking the babies with me. Went to church in the evening. Bro. Osborne preached. Rode part of the way [illegible].

**Mon., 4-5** - I went to Topeka today. Frank Brown & \_\_\_ went along. I attended the annual dist. stewards meeting. John Imlay went to work for me today by the month. He is to get \$15.00 per month.

**Tues., 4-6** - John and I planted potatoes today on the \_\_\_ among the trees.

**Wed., 4-7** - We ploughed some today, not very hard as we are wearing [?] a span of three year old mules.

**Thurs., 4-8** - I ploughed till noon. In the afternoon I went to Burlingame to get some lime. Brought home \_\_\_\_\_. John ploughed with Dolly and Nellie.

**Fri., 4-9** - I ploughed and John hauled wood and feed, &c. The last day of school. Jennie and all \_\_\_\_\_ class went pic-nic. Mother was over today.

**Sat., 4-10** - We ploughed, I till noon only. In the afternoon I went over South and fixed up the fence.

**Sun., 4-11** - We went to P.C. as usual. In the afternoon Leck and I walked over to Blacks to S.S. Got \_\_\_ o'clock.

**Mon., 4-12** - We turned out 34 head of cattle on the prairie. There is very little grass. We ploughed. \_\_\_ was here for dinner.

**Tues., 4-13** - Lew went over to Dragoon with John \_\_\_ [several illegible words] John and I ploughed. \_\_\_

**Wed., 4-14** - John and I ploughed most of the day. [rest of entry illegible]

**Thurs., April 15** - I ploughed till noon. John dug a place for a mortar bed and sifted sand. In the afternoon I worked on the house, getting ready for the plastering. Peck was lathing today. He had a man helping him.

**Fri., 4-16** - I worked on the house till noon. In the afternoon I ploughed. John & Jim D. worked on the mortar, slacking lime, &c. The lathers went home this evening.

**Sat., 4-17** - I ploughed all day. John worked all day on the mortar. Leck and Ed took, along with Jim, 7 head of hogs to Browns. Weight: 1,550, 1,550, 1,550, 775 - \$54.25.

**4-18** - Stormy. Raining, thundering, and threatening. I did not go any place today.

**Mon., 4-19** - I ploughed in the east field. Finished it. John harrowed all day.

**Tues., 4-20** - I cased some windows about the house till noon. In the afternoon I ploughed about the trees in the orchard. The plasterers was here today. John waited on them. Miller helped them awhile in the evening.

**Wed., 4-21** - I went to Burlingame this forenoon to get some lath and some sand. Leck went along. After I got home I fixed some base boards. John and Miller waited on the plasterers.

**Thurs., 4-22** - I harrowed this forenoon and marked out in the afternoon. John mixed mortar till noon and harrowed in the afternoon. Mack Fleck worked all day. Lathed in the forenoon. In the afternoon he helped Jim wait on the plasterers.

**Fri., April 23** - Mack and I planted corn all day. John marked out for corn.

**Sat., 4-24** - Mack and I finished the east bottom field by 3 o'clock. John marked in the west bottom.

**Sun., 4-25** - I went to the Black school house to S.S. The children went to P.C. John Thompson, John Morse, & Lew called today, was here for dinner.

**Mon., 4-26** - Mack and I planted corn in the west bottom. John ploughed in the orchard. Lew came over this evening.

**Tues., 4-27** - Lew & Mack worked on the house, casing windows and putting down base boards. John & I finished planting the west bottom field.

**Wed., 4-28** - Rained during the day. Little done. I fixed the kitchen doorstep. Lew & Mack same as yesterday.

**Thurs., 4-29** - John and I both ploughed on the hill today. Mack and Lew went home in the afternoon. Evening cool. Wind North West.

**Fri., 4-30** - I ploughed on the hill and John sowed the wheat.

**Sat., May 1<sup>st</sup>** - I ploughed till noon. In the afternoon I nailed some boards on the house. John finished the wheat and sowed the corn in the west bottom.

**Sun., 5-2** - We all went to S.S. & church at P.C. in the afternoon.

**Mon., 5-3** - John and I ploughed on the hill. Fleck was here today assessing property. I trimmed three colts today for Foss, Lyons, and McGuire.

**[No entry for 5-4, but the sequence in terms of days of the week continues correctly. It is likely that Frank skipped a number in his counting.]**

**Tues., 5-5** - We finished ploughing the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. In the afternoon John harrowed and I went to Carey Walton's and trimmed three colts.

**Wed., 5-6** - I marked out for corn. Trimmed \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for Father Gifford. John harrowed all day.

**Thurs., 5-7** - Jake, Strohm, and I planted corn today while John harrowed and marked. Very windy. S.W.

**Fri., 5-8** - John and I finished planting the hill about two o'clock. In the evening we set out a few potatoes.

**Sat., 5-9** - I set out a few sweet potatoes \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 410. John helped me some. I went to Burlingame in the evening. Rained a little through the day.

**Sun., 5-10** - May and I went to town to the S.S. and church. To P.C. in the afternoon.

**Mon., 5-11** - I went to Topeka today. Lew Mead went along. John cut wood at the wood pile.

**Tues., 5-12** - I ploughed on the side hill till noon and John planted corn between the trees. In the afternoon we waited on the plasterers.

**Wed., 5-13** - I went to Topeka today for sand. Leck and Ed went along. John waited on the plasterers.

**Thurs., 5-14** - I stayed with the plasterers all day. John helped till noon and finished planting the hill in the afternoon.

**Fri., 5-15** - I helped Jennie clean up around the house. John ploughed corn.

**Sat., 5-16** - I painted upstairs today [rest illegible].

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**Wed., May 26** - Jim and I went over to Walga\_\_\_ in the forenoon to get a horse that he took in [trade] for one of mine. In the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_. I went out begging for the preacher \_\_\_ for a good part of the afternoon. Rained this evening.

**Thurs., 5-27** - Rained in the night and still raining this morning. John hauled up some wood and cleaned up some potato ground.

**Fri., 5-28** - I worked at carpenter work about the house. John planted potatoes all day. Jake helped in the afternoon.

**Sat., 5-29** - Raining this morning. Jerome was here all night. I painted in the kitchen. Nothing done outside excepting the chores. The bees swarmed today.

**Sun., 5-30** - We went to town in the morning to S.S., to P.C. in the afternoon, and in to Auburn in the evening to attend a Centennial concert at the M.E. church.

**Mon., 5-31** - Jake and John ~~ploughed corn~~ planted potatoes. I worked about the house, painting and helping.

**Tues., June 1<sup>st</sup>** - The boys ploughed corn and I worked about the house painting &c. The bees swarmed again.

**Wed., 6-2** - I worked about the same as yesterday. I went to town in the evening to a school teachers meeting.

**Thurs., 6-3** - I worked about the house till noon, then went to Burlingame \_\_\_\_ [two lines illegible].

**Fri., June 4** - We had a very heavy rain last night. \_\_\_\_ strong wind. John fixed \_\_\_\_ around the house.

**Sat., 6-5** - John and Jake ploughed corn \_\_\_\_\_. I worked about the house, painting, &c.

**Sun., 6-6** - I went to Auburn in the morning to S.S. Mother and Laura was here today.

**Mon., 6-7** - Rained part of the forenoon. I worked about the house till about three o'clock, then Jennie and I went up to Leck's. John ploughed corn in the afternoon.

**Tues., 6-8** - Jennie and I went to Topeka today. Leck and Ed went along. May took Lloyd, Lew, and Clare to Jim's. John ploughed corn part of the day. Rained some in the forenoon.

**Wed., 6-9** - John and Jake ploughed corn all day. \_\_\_\_\_ I put up a gate today. The \_\_\_\_\_ is very \_\_\_\_\_ his work. I took him to \_\_\_\_\_ tools and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thurs., 6-10** - John and Jake ploughed corn all day. I painted on the house, or rather [illegible].

**Fri., 6-11** - John & Jake ploughed corn all day. I painted on the inside.

**Sat., 6-12** - John ploughed corn all day. Jake ploughed till noon. In the afternoon Jake harrowed the \_\_\_\_\_ up a weed patch. I painted all day \_\_\_\_\_ has been very windy. A number of peach trees \_\_\_\_\_ apples and cherries. At least  $\frac{1}{2}$  \_\_\_\_\_. Early \_\_\_\_\_ cherries were blown off or rendered unfit \_\_\_\_\_ ploughed all the corn \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sun., June 13<sup>th</sup>** - I went to Auburn to S.S. in the morning. In the afternoon I went to P.C. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mon., 6-14** - I painted about the house and \_\_\_\_\_ the gate. Round's wife and Mrs. Foss called for a few minutes this evening. Jake and John [illegible].

**Tues., 6-15** - I painted the porch. John and Jake ploughed corn all day.

**Wed., 6-16** - I set up the reaper today and \_\_\_\_\_. John and Jake ploughed corn \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thurs., 6-17** - I painted about the house till noon. Cut around the wheat, then looked \_\_\_\_\_ harvest hands. John and Jake ploughed corn.

**Fri., 6-18** - I cut wheat today. \_\_\_\_\_ help \_\_\_\_\_ Jim, Mr. Foss, Dick Gill, Mr. Moore \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sat., 6-19** - I cut wheat. [rest of entry illegible]

**Sun., 6-20** - [illegible]

**Mon, 6-21** - I went to Topeka today \_\_\_\_\_ [illegible]

**Tues., 6-22** - I trimmed some \_\_\_\_\_ John and Jake ploughed corn all day.

**Wed., 6-23** - I \_\_\_\_\_ apple trees all day. Jake and John ploughed corn all day \_\_\_\_\_

**Thurs., 6-24** - I went to \_\_\_\_\_ [rest illegible]

**Fri., June 25** - I trimmed \_\_\_\_\_. John and Jake ploughed corn \_\_\_\_\_ a little about noon \_\_\_\_\_ dinner \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sat., 6-26** - We stacked the wheat today. Got \_\_\_\_\_ 9 o'clock. John, Jake, and Jim \_\_\_\_\_.  
Looked very rainy but no rain today.

**Sun., 6-27** - I, or we -- Leck, May, Ed, and myself -- went to S.S. & C. at Auburn this morning.  
\_\_\_\_\_. In the afternoon we all went to P.C. to S.S. Bro. Osborne preached today at P.C.

**Mon., 6-28** - John ploughed corn all day on \_\_\_\_\_. I trimmed apple trees all day.

**Tues., 6-29** - John ploughed corn on the hill. I trimmed trees all day.

**Wed., 6-30** - We worked same as yesterday. Weather is very hot at times. We had a shower  
about noon, and rained \_\_\_ in the evening.

**Thurs., July 1<sup>st</sup>** - I trimmed trees all day. \_\_\_\_\_ ploughing corn. We have been over \_\_\_\_\_  
least 4 times. Went to Auburn \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fri., 7-2** - Had a good rain with a \_\_\_\_\_ I trimmed trees today. \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat. 7-3** - I trimmed till nearly noon. John went home today. I went fishing in the afternoon.  
Caught nothing.

**Sun., July 4<sup>th</sup>** - We all went to Auburn in the morning to S.S. at the Union church. In the  
afternoon we all went to P.C.

**Mon., July 5<sup>th</sup>** - Drifted along till nearly \_\_\_\_\_

**Tues., 7-6** - I went to Topeka today. John came home this morning. He worked on the road to  
the south prairies.

**Wed., 7-7** - We both worked on the road, fixing it up for hauling hay. Very warm. Went to T.  
[?] meeting.

**Thurs., 7-8** - I hauled stone and laid them up on the corral wall. John hoed the sweet potatoes.

**Fri., 7-9** - I hauled stone all day. John hoed weeds.

**Sat., 7-10** - I picked some B. berries. Rained a little. I went \_\_\_\_\_ to S.S. [?] and went to Jim  
Vanters in the evening \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun., 7-11** - Bush and I went to the Station in the morning and to the Berry school in the  
afternoon. We took dinner at Bro. Count's.

**Mon., 7-12** - Rained quite a lot in the morning. I done odd jobs and got ready for ploughing, &c.  
John hoed weeds till noon then we ploughed the potatoes.

**Tues., 7-13** - I went to Topeka today with Jim. John ploughed the potatoes.

**Wed., 7-14** - I ploughed with the sulky plow \_\_\_\_ Went to a teachers meeting this evening.

**Thurs., 7-15** - I ploughed \_\_\_\_ [two illegible lines]

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**Thurs., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>** - I worked on the corn crib till noon, John and Jake hauled manure. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to Topeka, and John and Jake pulled corn.

**Fri., 10-8** - Jennie and I stayed at the Russum's all night and went to the Fair today. We got home late. This is the first time that we both left the house all night without taking some of the children along. Mother D. took care of them. John and Jake hauled manure.

**Sat., 10-9** - Jake and I went down to Jim Vanters to get a calf. Jim was not at home so we had our trip for nothing. In the afternoon Jake and I hauled 16 loads of manure. John husked corn all day. Mrs. Morse and Fish was here this evening. Took supper with us.

**Sun., 10-10** - Leck, May, and myself went to town this morning to S.S. In the afternoon we went to Prairie Centre.

**Mon., 10-11** - This forenoon Jake and I went to Jim Vanters to get a young bull calf. In the afternoon we hauled 16 loads of manure from the stable to the hill. John gathered corn, 2 loads.

**Tues. 10-12** - Jake and I hauled manure all day. 30 loads. John gathered corn.

**Wed., 10-13** - Jake and [I] went to hauling manure. We got \_\_\_\_ loads when it commenced raining and we had to quit. All hands went to work and fixed up a pen for the hogs and little pigs. Very heavy showers at times.

**Thurs., 10-14** - This forenoon John and I pulled corn and Jake laid up fence \_\_\_\_\_. In the afternoon Jake and I hauled manure.

**Fri., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** - This forenoon Jake and I hauled manure -- 23 loads -- and John pulled corn. In the afternoon I went to town to fix up for a timber pic-nic. The weather got so cold I did not fix it up. John and Jake hauled manure.

**Sat., 10-16** - Mother D., Leck, & May, and myself went to town to attend a children's Sabbath School convention. A cold, raw day. Wind N.W. Had a fair turn for the day. Dr. McCabe<sup>61</sup> from Topeka was with us. We met in the Union church. John & Jake hauled manure.

**Sun., 10-17** - We (Leck and May) went to town this morning to S.S, in the afternoon at Prairie Centre. Cool.

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<sup>61</sup> Probably Frances McCabe, listed in the 1880 census as a preacher in Topeka.

**Mon., 10-18** - I went this morning to Baxter Beckes to get a load of apples for winter. 24 bushels at 50 cts. per bu. In the afternoon I dug a few sweet potatoes. John dug sweet potatoes and gathered some corn to feed with.

**Tues., 10-19** - [dated but no entry]

**Wed., 10-20** - I looked up some hands to help thresh this forenoon and John done chores. Dug some potatoes, cut wood, and got up some hay to feed with. In the afternoon we threshed wheat. 138 ½ bushels. For help I had Quayle and team, Lew Mead, Harris, Strohm, Kies, Sammy Morse, Jake, and John. The threshers were Leck, Dave Slusser, and Jenkins.

**Thurs., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** - We finished threshing by noon. I had in 15 acres. This forenoon we threshed 169 ½ bushels, making in all 308 bu. Quayle and Lew Mead did not help today. Jim Dickson and Mr. Morse took their places. Otherwise my help was the same. In the afternoon I took Quayles wagon home and put the apples in the cellar. John hauled down some spoiled wheat for the hogs and gathered a load of corn.

**Fri., 10-22** - John & I gathered corn today. Lavina came over today. She had Francis and the baby with her.<sup>62</sup>

**Sat., 10-23** - I gathered corn till noon, then went to look for the colts. Could not find them.

**Sun., 10-24** - We went to P.C. to S.S. this morning, Leck, May, and Ed going. In the evening I took Lavina over to Smiths.

**Mon., 10-25** - John and I hauled (i.e. gathered) corn. Our day's work is two loads apiece.

**Tues., 10-26** - We gathered corn today. Threatening rain. Wind North and N.E.

**Wed., 10-27** - We gathered corn today.

**Thurs., 10-28** - This forenoon I worked at P.C. schoolhouse. Gathered corn in the afternoon. John gathered all day.

**Fri., 10-29** - We gathered corn all day.

**Sat., 10-30** - I went down to Bucks today to attend a S.S. meeting. Jake helped John gather corn all day.

**Sun., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** - We went to Prairie Centre to Sabbath School this morning. Pleasant day.

**Mon., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Jennie and I went to Mother's last evening. Today we went to Topeka taking Lavina with us as far as Dave Young's. On the way home we stopped in Auburn to hear a lecture on Siam by the Rev. Mr. Dunlap<sup>63</sup>. John gathered corn and Jake dug potatoes.

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<sup>62</sup> based on 1880 census information, Lavina's son Francis was 14 at the time. Her youngest child, Lena, was 2.

<sup>63</sup> Most likely S.P. Dunlap, a minister in Topeka listed in the 1880 census.

**Tues., 11-2** - John gathered corn till noon and I dug potatoes. In the afternoon we went to Auburn to attend election. Jake dug potatoes all day.

**Wed., 11-3** - John gathered corn all day. Jake and I dug potatoes.

**Thurs., 11-4** - Raining this morning. John and I worked around the stable most of the day.

**Fri., 11-5** - I went to town this morning. John pulled corn. I dug some potatoes. We took 15 hogs to Brown's this evening. Weight 4,060 lbs. Price \$3.60 per cwt. Total \$146.16.

**Sat., 11-6** - John gathered corn this forenoon, and hauled hay and done chores in the afternoon. Jake and I finished digging the potatoes today. Total no. of bushels – 50.

**Sun., 11-7** - We went to P.C. to S.S. this morning. In the afternoon I went to the Black S.S.

**Mon., 11-8** - I hauled wood this forenoon and assorted potatoes in the afternoon. John gathered corn.

**Tues., 11-9** - Raining some this morning. John and I worked around the stable all day.

**Wed., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** - I worked at the stable all day. John helped some till noon and gathered a load of corn in the afternoon. I went to Auburn to prayer and teachers meeting this evening.

**Thurs., 11-11** - I worked around the stable and John gathered corn. Quite cool.

**Fri., 11-12** - I worked today fixing up feed troughs. John gathered corn.

**Sat., 11-13** - Quayle and I went to the Wakarusa Station today to attend a general Sabbath School prayer meeting. John gathered corn in the forenoon and done up the Saturday chores in the afternoon.

**Sun., 11-14** - Quite cool this morning. We walked to S.S. In the evening I went to church. Bro. Osborne stopped on his way to P.C. and came home with me at night.

**Mon., 11-15** - John and I gathered corn today. Raining a little this evening. Brown was here today for dinner.

**Tues., 11-16** - Cold this morning. We gathered corn all day. Snowing this evening. 18° above 0 at noon.

**Wed., 11-17** - Snowing a little. About an inch of snow now. Cold. 20° above 0. John went to Scranton for a load of coal. I done the chores, feeding and cutting wood.

**Thurs., 11-18** - Cold. Wind from the South. 2° above 0. John went to Scranton for a load of coal. I picked some corn and done the chores. John quit work today. He has worked 7 months and 12 days.

**Fri., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** - I done little but the chores. In the afternoon I went to town to attend the quarterly conference of the M.E.C.

**Sat., 11-20** - Fed the stock and cut wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon we (Leck, Ed, and self) gathered two loads of corn.

**Sun. 11-21** - Went to S.S. at P.C. this morning. In the afternoon we went to Auburn to attend a children's meeting at the M.E. church.

**Mon., 11-22** - Gathered corn and done the chores. Quite cold. Jake Strohm took a calf away this morning and Shorecroft took away two, both strays. 8° above 0.

**Tues., 11-23** - I gathered corn all day. Done the chores, of course.

**Wed., 11-24** - Snow fell during the night, and snowing a little during the day. Probably two inches of snow on the ground this morning. Done nothing but the chores and hauled up a load of wood. Went to Auburn.

**Thurs., 11-25** - Hunted a jack rabbit (didn't catch him) and fed the stock. Quite cold, cloudy.

**Fri., 11-26** - Hunted the jack of yesterday till noon. (Didn't catch him.) Cut wood in the afternoon. Went to town in the evening, last evening also.

**Sat., 11-27** - Cut wood till noon. In the afternoon Jim helped me to trim some pigs.

**Sun., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** - We went to Prairie Centre to S.S. this morning. Leck and I went to church this evening, to P.C. Geo. Smith preached.

**Mon., 11-29** - I cut wood in the timber. S.H. Moore was here this evening. Went to Auburn to church (M.E.)

**Tues., 11-30** - I cut wood in the timber. Jake husked corn. He is to get 3 cts. per bu. and board himself. Wind South. Misting rain. Freezing a little.

**Wed., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** - I gathered corn today and done the chores. Went to church this evening, Auburn.

**Thurs., 12-2** - Foggy and warm. Thundered and there was quite a mist. I picked a load of corn in the forenoon. Done chores.

**Fri., 12-3** - I picked some corn. Hauled in two loads of corn that Jake husked. \_\_\_ bu.

**Sat., 12-4** - I done chores and hauled in two more loads of corn. \_\_\_. Went to town this evening. Warm all day. Wind veered around to the N.W. [in] the evening and it grew cold very fast. Blowing quite hard and sleeting.

**Sun., 12-5** - We went to P.C. to S.S. this morning. Quite cold. 2° below 0. Went to town to church in the evening.

**Mon., 12-6** - I hauled up some wood. Lew Mead was here today. Coldest morning up to date. 5° below 0. Went to church evening.

**Tues., 12-7** - I went to Mr. Foss's today to keep an account of the things sold.

**Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** - Done little but the chores. Went to church this evening.

**Thurs., 12-9** - I went to Topeka today. Jake went along. Quite cold. W. S.E.

**Fri., 12-10** - Attended to the chores and that was about all I done. Went to church \_\_\_\_\_. Miss Dodson came home with the children.

**Sat., 12-11** - About the same as yesterday. It keeps me nearly busy doing the chores.

**Sun., 12-12** - We went to S.S. at P.C. and to church in the evening at Auburn.

**Mon., 12-13** - I hauled wood today. Went to C. evening.

**Tues., 12-14** - Done the chores and cut some wood at the woodpile. Went to C. in the evening.

**Wed., 12-15** - Went to Mother Moran's to a prayer meeting in the afternoon. In the evening went to C., Jennie going along. Miss Dodson staying with the children. Beautiful weather.

**Thurs., 12-16** - I gathered two loads of corn today. Finished the stalk corn. Went to C. in the evening.

**Fri., 12-17** - In addition to my usual chores I went to town to prayer meeting in the afternoon.

**Sat., 12-18** - Attended to the chores, &c. Went to town in the evening to attend a called meeting of the A. F. & A. M. for instruction.

**Sun., 12-19** - Went to S.S. this morning to P.C., in the evening to town to church. Bro. McIntosh.